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Subject: Re: [Delta_Council_Media] Delta Stewardship Council Releases First Draft of Delta Plan
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Eric, I was a bit dismayed that the just released Delta report in discussing emergency preparedness states, "The development of a multi-jurisdictional emergency response plan is currently underway as a result of Senate Bill 27, but no individual county has completed a delta-specific emergency response plan". I believe that I have provided to you, your staff, and the Council the details of our flood contingency maps, our flood fight stockpiles, our urban evacuation maps, equipment acquisitions, the unified flood fight command response structure that we have put in place, and other actions taken for a Delta flood. Certainly these documents and actions are not headed with "Delta specific response plan" (which would be against Federal and State disaster planning policy of many years standing). But to take that information and subsume it into an innuendo that no plans exist at any level is uncalled for, reflects a clear intent to ignore input provided, and is also unjust. It seems that the Council does not receive, read, or consider input on these issues or they are being selective in what information they consider. What little credit you give in the report is in the sentence "the department of Water Resources works with local and county emergency responders in the Delta under the..." This despite the fact that we in SJC have accomplished our flood contingency mapping, etc. without the benefit of any help from DWR, or CalEMA, except for empty statements that "this is really good stuff and we need to do it".

If it is the Council's and their staff's desire to stimulate further emergency planning I could not agree more. More needs to be done. But just remember, we in SJC have pursued our planning, and all that we have achieved mentioned above, without the benefit of any resources from the State and very little from the Federal government. I think that the Council reports should reflect the reality on the ground even if their desire is that more should be done. To just make general derogatory comments toward the people who are actually responsible for the Delta's safety and trying to fulfill that responsibility under significant funding constraints is unfair and hardly good public policy.

By the way, the SB27 report is essentially done. From the counties' point of view there is no reason it should not be released within 30 days. If it isn't then you can lay that to the door of the State agencies you like giving credit to. The report does reflect what has been done in SJC and what needs to be done based on those successes.

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On Feb 15, 2011, at 4:39 PM, Alvarez, Eric@DeltaCouncil wrote:

Good Day,

We apologize for the delay in sending you this information. We apparently

had a glitch in our electronic email system. It has been corrected. So, now...

The first draft of the Delta Plan is now on-line. Here are the web addresses:

The first draft Delta Plan itself:

http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/docs/draft_delta_plan/Preliminary_Staff_Delta_Plan_2011_02_14.pdf

The Cover Memo:

http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/docs/draft_delta_plan/DSC_Members_Memo_2011_02_14.pdf

Background information and future draft Plan release dates:

http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/draft_delta_plans.html

As always, please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

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